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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

S I R:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, amend the application as follows:

Page 1, before line 4, before the insert added in the first Preliminary Amendment, the title beginning with "FIELD OF THE INVENTION", insert the following title and paragraph:

--PRIORITY CLAIM

This is a national stage of PCT application No. PCT/FI00/00008, filed on January 5, 2000.

Priority is claimed on that application and on patent application No. 990008 filed in Finland on January 5, 1999.--.